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SUBJECT: ILO - RESOLUTIONS OF THE SECOND EUROPEAN REGIONAL
CONFERENCE

1. SECOND EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE ILO ADOPTED TWO
RESOLUTIONS, WILL BE ACTED ON BY PRESENT SESSION OF GOVERNING
BODY, WHICH WILL "NOTE" THEM, OR WILL APPROVE THEM BY CON-
SENSUS. NO VOTE WILL BE TAKEN. APPROVAL EXPECTED TO BE PROMPT
AND ROUTINE. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED BY DEPARTMENT, USDEL
WILL "APPROVE" SIMPLY BY NOT OBJECTING WHEN CHAIRMAN SUMS UP
WHATEVER DEBATE TAKES PLACE BY STATING THAT HE TAKES IT THAT
THE GOVERNING BODY APPROVES THE RESOLUTIONS.

2. USDEL WILL MAKE STATEMENT RELATING TO OPERATIVE PARA 4 (A)
OF SECOND RESOLUTION WHICH READS: "4. RECOMMENDS THAT THE
GOVERNING BODY - (A) REQUEST THE DIRECTOR GENERAL TO SET IN
MOTION STUDIES ANALYZING IN THE MOST EXHAUSTIVE MANNER
POSSIBLE THE TRADE UNION SITUATION AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
EXISTING WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE VARIOUS ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL SYSTEMS OF THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN THE LIGHT OF THE
INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ADOPTED BY THE ILO IN THIS FIELD, AS
WELL AS THE EXPERIENCE ACQUIRED AND DATA COLLECTED BY THE
COMPETENT ILO BODIES."

3. THIS IS PART OF A CONTINUING EFFORT BY USSR TO GET ILO
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TO AGREE THAT ILO CONVENTION NO. 87 ON FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION

SHOULD BE INTERPRETED DIFFERENTLY "WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE VARIOUS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS." THAT IS, TRADE UNION FREEDOM IS AUTOMATIC AND, BY DEFINITION, CANNOT BE VIOLATED UNDER DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT; WHEREAS TERMS OF CONVENTION PROHIBITING STATE INTERFERENCE IS APPLICABLE ONLY TO WESTERN COUNTRIES. THUS, THE SO-CALLED TRADE UNIONS OF COMMUNIST COUNTRIES BY DEFINITION REPRESENT THE GENUINE INTERESTS OF WORKERS; THE ILO AND THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR COMMUNITY SHOULD ACCORD THEM THE SAME RECOGNITION AND STATUS AS FREE TRADE UNIONS OF WESTERN COUNTRIES AND DEAL WITH THEM AS BEING EQUALS. UP TO NOW NO OFFICIAL ILO BODY (COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS OR ANNUAL ILO CONFERENCE) HAS ACCEPTED CONCEPT THAT TERMS OF FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION CONVENTION NOT UNIVERSALLY APPLICABLE, AND USDEL WILL CHALLENGE THIS CONCEPT AND GET CHALLENGE ON RECORD.

4. TEST OF RESOLUTIONS IS CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT CRE/II, PR 7, PROVISIONAL RECORD, SECOND EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE, APPENDICES-RESOLUTIONS. FULL SETS OF SECOND EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN SENT AIRPOUCH BY US MISSION TO IO/LABW, S/IL, AND EUR (MR. GOOTT) AS WELL AS TO DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR AND COMMERCE. THESE TWO RESOLUTIONS ARE THE CONSOLIDATED VERSIONS OF THE 10 ORIGINAL RESOLUTIONS THAT WERE NOT SUBMITTED TO THE TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEES.

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